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**MS PATENT APPLICATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This is a Request for filing a Divisional application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) of pending prior Application No. 10/177,149 filed on June 24, 2002, which is a divisional of Application No. 09/887,442, now U.S. Patent Number 6,563,554 B2, which is a divisional of Application No. 09/217,931 filed on December 22, 1998, now U.S. Patent No. 6,281,952, the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference and for which priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 120; by

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for

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- 1.  Enclosed is an application consisting of specification, claims, declaration and drawings/photographs (if applicable).



2.  The filing fee has been calculated as follows:

	BASIC FEE		LARGE ENTITY	SMALL ENTITY
	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	\$770.00	\$385.00
			RATE FEE	RATE FEE
<b>TOTAL CLAIMS</b>	20 -20 =	0	x 18 = 0	x 9 = \$0.00
<b>INDEPENDENT CLAIMS</b>	1-3 =	0	x 86 = \$0.00	x 43 = \$0.00
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		<b>TOTAL</b>	\$770.00	\$0.00

3.  A check in the amount of 770.00 to cover the filing fee and recording fee (if applicable) is enclosed.
4.  Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2448 in the amount of \$0.00. A triplicate copy of this request is enclosed.
5.  Enclosed is/are thirty-two (32) sheet(s) of formal drawings and/or photographs.
- 6a.  A statement claiming small entity status was filed in prior Application No. 10/177,149 on \_\_\_\_\_. See the attached copy of the statement claiming small entity status.
- 6b.  The current application qualifies for small entity status.
7.  The prior application is assigned to Sharp Kabushiki Kaisha.
8.  A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.
- 9a.  Priority of Application No(s). 9-359036 and 10-364247 filed in Japan on December 26 1997 and December 22, 1998, respectively are claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119. See attached copy of the Letter claiming priority filed in parent application 09/217,931, now U.S. Patent No. 6,281,952 on March 3, 1999.
- 9b.  Priority of International Appln. \_\_\_\_\_ filed on \_\_\_\_\_ under the Patent Cooperation Treaty and \_\_\_\_\_

Application No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed in \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ under 35 U.S.C. § 120 and/or § 119 are hereby reclaimed.

10.  An Information Disclosure Statement and PTO-1449 form(s) are attached hereto for the Examiner's consideration.
11.  Address all future communications to:
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12.  An extension of time for \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) month(s) until \_\_\_\_\_ has been submitted in parent Application No. 10/177,149 in order to establish co-pendency with the present application.
13.  Also enclosed herewith is the following:

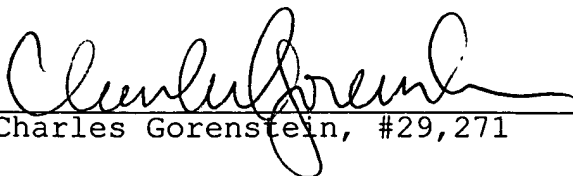
Letter - advising of co-pending applications (copy as filed in parent case U.S. Application No. 09/887,442, Now U.S. Patent No. 6,563,554 B2)

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If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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